



ÉCOLE KEATING SCHOOL

October 2011 Monthly Newsletter

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ADMINISTRATION

Dear Parents / Guardians and Keating Community;
As we Remember Mme Marilyn Pinder

Many of you know at this time, but I wanted to take this opportunity to give you some further details as to the sad and very busy week that we have had at Keating dealing with the news of Madame Pinder's death.

We were notified Tuesday morning that Marilyn passed away in Vancouver. She was with family at the time of her death while in Hospice Care. On Tuesday afternoon, teachers informed students of Madame Pinder's death, and throughout district schools students were given the opportunity to talk, make cards and seek added counselling support where needed. We will continue to offer this support as required throughout the week. We are all saddened by this event and our thoughts are with Marilyn's family. I have spoken with Marilyn's mother Treva, her brother Ken, and her dear friend Cheryl, all of whom wanted to express their thanks for your thoughts and prayers throughout these months. There will be a family service held in Vancouver, and there will also be a celebration of life held here on the Saanich Peninsula. It is early to say when this will occur, but in consultation with the family, a date and venue will be chosen, and I will keep you informed. This has been a difficult time for us, and yet as Thanksgiving approaches, it is a time to reflect on all of the extraordinary and wonderful gifts Marilyn shared with colleagues, parents and your children over the years.

Sincerely;
Mr. M. Notte



KEATING VISION STATEMENT

AT KEATING WE ARE A CARING COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS WHO TREAT EACH OTHER WITH RESPECT, WELCOME DIVERSITY AND CELEBRATE TOGETHER.

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE



Wed., Oct. 5 th	Trustee Candidate Information Meeting School Board Office 7 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 6 th	Grade 4 & 5 – Fire Expo 2011 – Central Saanich Fire Hall Time: 9 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.
Sun., Oct. 9- St., Oct. 15 th	Fire Prevention Week Theme: <i>Protect your Family from Fire!</i>
Monday, Oct. 10 th	Thanksgiving Stat Holiday
Wed., Oct. 12 th	SD63 Board Meeting – 7 p.m. Board Office
Thurs., Oct. 13/14 th	School Wide Lice Check
Fri., Oct. 14 th	CPF Magazine Drive; last day for orders
Mon., Oct. 17-Fri., Oct. 20 th	School Planning Council Election
Tues., Oct. 18 th	Swim Club begins: 3:15 – 4 p.m. / CWP
Tues., Oct. 18 th	Canadian Parents for French (CPF) Monthly Meeting Deep Cove Elementary – 7 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 19 th	Kindergarten Parent Meeting; 7 p.m. - MPR <i>Parent Discussion Group; All Day K</i>
Thurs., Oct. 20 th	KHASA General Meeting; 7 p.m. / MPR
Thurs., Oct. 20 th	Whole School 'Shake Out' Drill 10:20 a.m.
Fri., Oct. 21 st	Non Instructional Day
Sat., Oct. 22 nd	Peninsula Streams; Community Planting Activity 12:30 – 2 p.m. Adam Kerr Park
Thur., Oct. 27 th	Photo Retakes (morning)
Fri., Oct. 28 th	Hot Lunch
Mon., Oct. 31 st	Halloween
Tues., Nov. 1 st	Fruit & Veggie Program; Strawberry Tomatoes
Wed., Nov. 3 rd	Bonjour, Bonne Nuit; Kindergarten & Grade 1 FI Students 6:15 – 7 p.m. @ Keating Elementary
Thurs., Nov. 4 th	Burn Off Candy Run

PARENT / GUARDIAN & TEACHER COMMUNICATION

The learning environment for students at Keating is enhanced when parents and community members are involved in supporting student learning. Keating welcomes and appreciates parents, guardians and visitors to the school. Communication between parents/guardians and teachers is essential and encouraged. The following suggestions are provided to facilitate open and effective communication at Keating:

- Phone the school office (250-652-9261)
- Notes
- Pre-arranged appointments
- Student homework agenda/'back and forth' books
- E-mail: District e-mail addresses are: first letter of first name, last name, @sd63.bc.ca
 - i.e. [Mark Notte = mnotte@sd63.bc.ca](mailto:MarkNotte@sd63.bc.ca)

FROM THE OFFICE

Reminder to complete and return the following forms:

- ➔ Student Information Emergency Form
- ➔ Media Consent Form
- ➔ Parent Driver Form
- ➔ Internet Form
- ➔ Fruit & Veggie Consent Form

If you require additional copies, forms are available outside the office and on the school website.

School Office Hours: The school office is open daily from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Visitors to the school are asked to sign in at the school office.

Student Lunches: Reminder that there are no microwaves for heating up student lunches.

Criminal Record Checks (CRC) are required for volunteers who have potential unsupervised access to students i.e. driving to and from field trips CRC's are valid for 2 years. Parents can obtain a letter from the school office that will allow them to obtain a CRC with NO fee (this letter can be requested by email, phone call or by stopping by the school office). Generally, your classroom teacher will let you know if a CRC is required.

Lost & Found: Every year we have a phenomenal amount of clothes, glasses, shoes, water bottles, keys, etc. which collect in the Lost & found. Please ensure that everything your child(ren) brings to Keating is clearly marked with their name. Our Lost & Found for clothing is located in the foyer by the gym and smaller items are kept at the office.

Student photos were taken at Keating on September 21st. Proofs / envelope were handed out to students to take home. If your child was absent on photo day, his/her photo will be taken on retake day which is scheduled for Thursday, October 27th. If your child is having a retake, student is asked to return their photo proof package on retake day.

Fridge Magnet: Each family was provided with a school magnet calendar. If for any reason you did not receive one or require an extra, please stop by the school office.

Check out Keating's website: Website contains; calendar, forms, newsletters, links and more.

Keating Website: <http://keating.sd63.bc.ca/>



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We provide a safe secure environment where students develop the critical thinking and social skills necessary to be confident and successful life-long learners.

EARLY DISMISSAL DATES**Wednesday, Oct. 20th****&****Thursday, Oct. 21st****1:30 p.m.****(Busses will run; departure at 1:35 p.m.)**

Parents and guardians are encouraged to make contact with their child's teacher to facilitate communication during those times.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY**Friday, October 21st****KHASA**

***FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT STUDENTS AND STAFF AT KEATING.
MERCII!!!***

KEATING***CALL BACK / SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM*****250.652.1312 or email: keatingabsence@sd63.bc.ca**

Please be sure to call the "Call Back" line to report absences and lates or to let us know that your child will be late. Our "Call Back" message machine is on 24-hours a day—call any time during the night or early morning to report your child's absence. Parents are asked to call the Attendance Alert line at 250-652-1312 to report absences and lates or email keatingabsence@sd63.bc.ca If phoning after 9 a.m., please phone the school office at 250-652-9261.



**THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARENTS WHO VOLUNTEER FOR THE SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM.
YOUR VOLUNTEER TIME HELPS TO ENSURE THAT ALL KEATING STUDENTS ARE SAFE.**

CLASS REPS NEEDED

The following classes are in need of a Cass Rep and/or Class Rep Alternate.

★ Div. 003	Ms. Windle / Mrs. Porter	Class Rep & Alternate Class Rep
★ Div. 005	Mme Lopicq / Ms. Alford	Class Rep & Alternate Class Rep
★ Div. 004	Ms. Pettigrew	Alternate Class Rep
★ Div. 007	Mr. Bocking	Alternate Class Rep
★ Div. 008	Mme Gautrais	Class Rep & Alternate Class Rep
★ Div. 11	Mme Boltres	Alternate Class Rep
★ Div. 13	Ms. Hawkins / Ms. Alford	Class Rep & Alternate Class Rep
★ Div. 14	Mme Lord	Alternate Class Rep
★ Div. 16	Mrs. Harward	Class Rep & Alternate Class Rep
★ Div. 17	Mme Gartrell Yeo	Class Rep & Alternate Class Rep

Details for this volunteer position may be viewed on the school website or description form is available outside the school office. Please let your child's teacher know or parent volunteer co-ordinator (Ellice Schneider) if you are able to volunteer. Thank you.



SWIM CLUB GRADE 3 – 5 STUDENTS

Keating Swim Club will begin this year's training on Tuesday, October 18th - Commonwealth Place. Forms have been distributed to Grade 3, 4 & 5 students who expressed an interest. Students are to return this form, along with payment, to the forms box in their classroom or to the box outside the school office.

Cost: \$40.00

Time: 3:15 – 4 p.m.

October 18th – March 6, 2012

INDOOR SOCCER

Indoor Soccer has started this month at Keating. 48 grade 4 and 5 students have signed up for the teams and practices will begin next week at lunch hours. Students on each team will have the opportunity to play each other during the next six weeks. After school games will be scheduled for late October, early November. These games will be optional. Our Jamboree will take place mid-November. More info to come.

Coaches: Mrs. Lee, Mme Porter, Mrs. Harward, Ms. Alford

TERRY FOX RUN

On Friday, September 30th Keating students and staff participated in the Terry Fox Run on our school grounds. In total the students completed 900 kilometers of running around the school grounds. Although we didn't fundraise for this event, we were happy to be out running in Memory of Terry Fox. Mrs. Lee

LIBRARY NEWS



We are in need of Parent Volunteers to help shelve books. Please contact Mrs. Mills if you are interested (email: amills@sd63.bc.ca) Thank you.

NEWS FROM OUR KINDERGARTEN CLASSES.....

All 4 Kindergarten classes had fun celebrating “International Talk Like a Pirate Day” on September 19th. They made pirate hats, parrots to sit on their shoulders and silly pirate books. They will look forward to a special creepy crawly presentation about spiders on Thursday, October 13th.

SCHOOL WIDE LICE CHECK

Thursday, October 13th & Friday, October 14th

Volunteers Needed!

If you are available to volunteer 1 hour of your time, please email Jeanne Purtich @ jeannep@telus.net

PLEASE AVOID PONY TAILS AND FANCY BRAIDS ON THESE TWO DAYS. THANK YOU.

NO CHILD WITHOUT FREE MEDICAL ALERT MEMBERSHIP FOR STUDENTS AT OUR SCHOOL

The *No Child Without* program was developed to ensure children across Canada from Kindergarten up to their 14th birthday receive Medic Alert protection at no cost to the parent, school or Board of Education. The program follows the child should they move to another school in Canada. There is a significant benefit to the school because *No Child Without* blends in with the school's safety plan and illustrates the importance of children's health and safety.

Students receive a choice of a bracelet or necklet listing their medical conditions, allergies and or medications with their identification number, a wallet card, access to the 24 Hour Emergency Hot line, notification of personal emergency contacts at the time of emergency and a follow-up with parents after the emergency call is made to the Hot line.

No Child Without brochures can be obtained from the school office.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

October 9 – 15th, 2011

Next week is Fire Prevention Week. The theme this year is “Protect your Family from Fire!”.

Most fatal fires occur in residential setting where people feel safest. Fire can spread quickly through your home, leaving only precious minutes to escape. Your ability to get out fast depends on advanced warning from smoke alarms and advanced planning – creating a home fire escape plan. Reduce you family's risk from fire by following the tips below.

Smoke Alarm

- ➔ Make sure everyone in your home can recognize the sound of the smoke alarm and knows exactly what to do when it sounds.
- ➔ Install working smoke alarms near sleeping areas and on every level of your home. For maximum protection also install smoke alarms in bedrooms.
- ➔ Smoke alarms should be tested and maintained in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Alarms should be tested once a month by pushing the test button and listening for the alarm.
- ➔ For battery operated smoke alarms, replace batteries at least once a year or for extended life batteries according to manufacturer's instructions. Batteries should also be replaced when the smoke alarm makes a chirping sound.
- ➔ Smoke alarms should be cleaned at least every 6 months, by gently vacuuming the exterior.
- ➔ Smoke alarms do wear out and should be replaced at least every 10 years.

Home Fire Escape Plans

- ➔ Create a home fire escape plan showing 2 ways out of every room. Practice your plan with your entire family by having a home fire drill at least twice a year.
- ➔ Choose a Family Meeting Place a safe distance away from your home. All family members should be taught to report to the family meeting place after leaving the home.
- ➔ One person should then go to a neighbour's house or the nearest phone in a safe location to contact 9-1-1 or your local emergency number.

Thank you for making fire safety your priority in your home!

Central Saanich Fire Department

SAVE YOUR MAGAZINE ORDERS for CPF-SAANICH!

Canadian Parents for French – Saanich Chapter will be having their annual fundraising drive from September 28th to October 14th.

“Magazines make great gifts!” CPF’s annual magazine drive has begun! CPF will be in the KHASA corner to collect your magazine subscription orders on October 7, 12, 13, 14 between 8:20 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. only. You may also order on line (www.qsp.ca), using our group number 16681 and including your child’s name, teacher and grade level so that these orders can be included in determining prizes. Please do not give orders to teachers, and make all cheques payable to CPF - Saanich. Thank you for your support.



SAANICH CORE VALUES

Compassion, Fairness, Honesty, Responsibility, Respect

TRAFFIC / SAFETY DROP-OFF & PICK-UP REMINDERS

- Please be reminded that playground supervision does not begin until 8:22 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. If for some unforeseen reason you cannot pick your child up by 3 p.m. please call the office and let Mrs. Matthews know.
- Please be extra cautious when driving to and from school and when driving in our school driveway.

The pick up zone is for ACTIVE loading ONLY. If your child is not present, and cars are waiting, or the car behind you wants to get out, MOVE ON. Please consider the safety of ALL the kids here at Keating.

SLOW DOWN IN SCHOOL ZONES

Speed limits are 30 km/hr in school zones and passing within them is prohibited. And remember that you must stop and not pass any school bus on a District roadway if its red lights are flashing. If the lights are off, proceed with caution while passing a stopped school bus.

Check your Child's Car Seats

How to use the Pick-up Zone:

DO:

- ◆ Drive in slowly. If cars are signaling to get out, let them out;
- ◆ Pull in as far ahead in the zone as you can;
- ◆ Pause, look for your child;
- ◆ Pause, look at the traffic in the zone;
- ◆ At this point you need to either load your child promptly, or remind your child(ren) to watch for your arrival;
- ◆ If your child is not present and cars are waiting, move on right away, loop around and come back again, or park elsewhere;
- ◆ Common sense: if there is LOTS of room in the zone then go ahead and linger, but if it is starting to fill up and your child is NOT present, MOVE ON immediately and make room for others whose children are waiting;
- ◆ If people don't use common sense it becomes dangerous;

DO NOT:

- ◆ Park in the pick-up zone at 2:40 p.m. waiting. This area is needed for potential field trip drop offs, deliveries, etc.;
- ◆ Park by the gym as these spots are designated for disabled, school busses and staff;
- ◆ Park or block in our neighbours driveways. Please help us to keep the good relationships we share with our neighbors;
- ◆ Arrange play dates while cars are waiting;
- ◆ Leave your vehicle and go into the school;
- ◆ Sit there and wait for YOUR child disregarding other children waiting to be picked up.

If it is possible to car pool, or to walk with your children to school, please consider this as it will reduce the volume of traffic around the school.



FRENCH IMMERSION ASSMEMBLY FRENCH CERTIFICATE OF MERITE

As part of our last French Immersion Assembly, the following students were awarded a Certificate of Merit to recognize their French speaking abilities:

Div. 2 / M. Parent & M. Fraser

Megan VanCampen, Jordan Compton, Kitana Sivananthan, Liam Ayres

Div. 4 / Mme Nicolson

Justin Davies, Sabrina Hundle, Timothy Bowler, Lauren Mills

Div. 5 / Mme Lepicq & Ms. Alford

Benjamin Cunningham, Sydney Struck, Mateo Armstrong, Sierra Newlove

Div. 9 / Mme Pike

Rylee Phillips, Owen McIver, Arianna Walsh, Maddox Ainey, Kelsey Huitka

Div. 11 / Mme Boltres

Sabine Worsfold, Abriel Mikkelson-Handley, Nolan Bishop

Div. 12 / Mme Cuthill

Teaaira Vigue, Vanya Verenitch, Kennadie Friedlander, Delaney Demmy

Div. 14 / Mme Lord

Bradley Bates, Kisha Bramadat, Riley Newlove

Div. 15 / Mme Barber

Gracie Borbridge, Brianna Davies, Shota Fowler

Div. 17 / Mme Gartrell Yeo

Malia Phelan, Lachlan Oates

Div. 18 / Mme deBoer

Liam Worsfold, Leah Densmore

Div. 19 / Mme Thomasson

Jacob Staples, Liv Bazin



INVITATION

to

Keating Kindergarten Parents

Parent Discussion Group - All Day K

Wednesday, October 19th

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Multi-Purpose Room

If you require child minding, please email Jeanne Puritch @ jeannep@telus.net

please e-mail not later than Tuesday evening

KEATING STAFF 2011 / 2012

Administration / Office Staff

Mark Notte	Principal
MaryLynn Heron	Acting Vice-Principal
Margaret Matthews	Secretary
Dorota Johnson	Accounts Clerk

Non-Teaching Staff

Darren Ramkeesoon	Custodian
Martha Fletcher	Custodian
Agnes Mills	Library Tech, Lunch Supervisor
Josefina Koenig	Lunch Supervisor
Cheryl Campbell	Lunch Supervisor
Colleen Brown	Educational Assistant, Lunch Supervisor
Maryse Vachon	Educational Assistant, Busing Supervisor, Lunch Supervisor, Crossing Guard
Brian MacDonald	Educational Assistants, Lunch Supervisor
Sawsan Masri	French Monitor, Lunch Supervisor
Damaris Notte	Computer Tech

Teaching Staff

Chris Lee	Div. 1	Grade 4/5 English
Daniel Parent, Douglas Fraser	Div. 2	Grade 4/5 FI
Sarah Windle, Michelle Porter	Div. 3	Grade 4/5 English
Jennifer Nicolson	Div. 4	Grade 4/5 FI
Laureen Lepicq, Sarah Alford	Div. 5	Grade 4/5 FI
Sophia Pettigrew	Div. 6	Grade ¾ English
Chris Bocking, Tamara Scott	Div. 7	Grade 3 English
MarieJose Gautrais	Div. 8	Grade 3 FI
Valerie Pike	Div. 9	Grade 2/3 FI
Karen Erdem	Div. 10	Grade 2 English
Dominique Boltres	Div. 11	Grade 2 FI
Alison Cuthill	Div. 12	Grade 2 FI
Gloria Hawkins, Sarah Alford	Div. 13	Grade 1 English
Stephanie Lord	Div. 14	Grade 1 FI
Erin Barber	Div. 15	Grade 1 FI
Lisa Harward	Div. 16	Kindergarten English
Lisa Gartrell Yeo	Div. 17	Kindergarten FI
Jennifer deBoer	Div. 18	Kindergarten FI
Nayda Thomasson	Div. 19	Kindergarten FI
Anne-Marie Labrecque	Integration Support & Learning Assistance	
Gloria Hawkins	Reading Recovery	
Sarah Windle	Teacher Librarian – English	
Daniel Parent	Teacher Librarian – FI	
Douglas Fraser	Oral Language Support	
Michelle Porter	FSL	
Abby Brooks	Speech Language Pathologist – English/FI	
Henrietta LangranDesbrisay	ESL	
Margaret Chevalier	District Psychologist	
Lisa Simonok	Deaf & Hard of Hearing Teacher	
Lynn Wray	Counsellor	

COMMUNITY NEWS

Child Find: It is with much regret that, due to unforeseen circumstances, DFH Real Estate will not be able to offer the Child Find “All About Me” event this year at our offices on Saturday, Oct. 15th. To those of you who had favorably replied to participating, thank you for your interest in this important event, and we will be in contact again next year. IF you would like more information on other upcoming Child Find events, please visit their website at www.childfindbc.com

SPCA Kids Workshop: Celebrate all things harvest-related including the animals that help make it happen at the BC SPCA's “Fabulous Farm Animals” workshop for kids. Learn all about our friends on the farm (right down to the wrigglers) at this fun-filled workshop. Snack on some devilish deviled eggs (SPCA certified of course!), make straw creatures to decorate your house at Halloween and find out how to create your own worm farm! Friday, October 21st 9 – 3:30 p.m. at the Burnside Community Campus, 3130 Jutland Road

For more information email; revans@spca.bc.ca or call 250.686.1581.

PENINSULA STREAMS Environmental Education Program

Last May/June Peninsula Stream Society offered an Environmental Education Program to grade 3 students at Keating. All students received an alder tree; complete with pots and planting/care/return instructions. Families were asked to plant the alder seedling and care for it until the fall.

Tree return and planting dates:

- ➔ Students are asked to please return your tree to Keating Elementary School by Thursday, October 20th.
- ➔ If your tree is too large for you to easily transport to the school, please call 250.363.6596 or 250.363.6480 to arrange for pick up. Trees which are not dropped off at the school by Thursday, October 20th may not be picked up and taken to the planting site by Peninsula Streams Society.
- ➔ Please put a name tag on the tree so that your child can easily find his or her tree at the planting activity. We suggest cutting a 3-4 inch circle out of a yogurt container lid (or similar) and writing your child's name on it with a permanent pen. Loosely attach the tag to the tree with a twist tie or piece of string.

Tree Planting Activity

- ➔ Students and parents are invited to a community planting activity on Saturday, October 22nd, 2011.
- ➔ Time: 12:30 – 2 p.m.
- ➔ Location; Adam Kerr Park (located on the south-west corner of Keating X Road and Central Saanich Road alongside the park. The meeting area will be marked with a Peninsula Streams Society sandwich board sign. Please wear boots, work / gardening gloves and if possible please bring a shovel. There will be some tools available to borrow. Your child's tree will be planted by other students or volunteers if you are unable to attend.

Peninsula Connections for early childhood

PCEC “1000 X 5”

Children’s Book Recycling Project

***Please help support our
community literacy initiative....***

If you can donate gently used children's picture books, please leave them at Keating's school office. They will be forwarded to volunteers at the Saanich Learning Centre (old Saanichton Elementary) who process them for distribution to children and families on the Peninsula. For further information about the PCEC “1000 x 5” Project, please contact: Daphne Macnaughton, PCEC “1000 x 5” Project Leader d1mvictoria@shaw.ca